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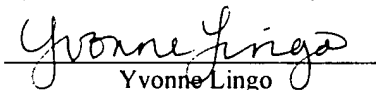
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Applicant: Bauer, et al.  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified patent application prior to calculating the filing fee, as follows:

- 1) Cancel claims 23-25, 27-39, 41-43, 45-61, 63-79, 81-97, 99-113, and 115-119.
- 2) Enter the original Sequence Listing filed herewith into the application.

Remarks

Applicants have cancelled several dependent claims prior to calculating the filing fee. Of the original 120 claims presented, the remaining claims are claims 1- 22, 26, 40, 44, 62, 80, 98, 114, and 120. Applicants assert that claims 23-25, 27-39, 41-43, 45-61, 63-79, 81-97, 99-113, and 115-119 are cancelled solely for the purpose of reducing the filing fee, and hereby expressly reserve the right to pursue any or all of these claims in the above-identified patent application, in any related continuation applications, and in any related divisional applications.

Applicants also direct that the original Sequence Listing filed herewith in both paper and computer readable form be entered into the application. No new matter is introduced in the Sequence Listing.

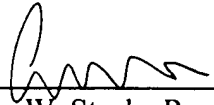
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